

BARBARISM IN ILLINOIS.

The *Whiteside (Ill.) Sentinel* says the following official notice is posted in the Post-Office and other public places in the City of Carthage, Hancock County, Ill. It is a practical exemplification of an Illinois Black Law. The notice reads as follows—

PUBLIC SALE—Whereas, The following negroes and one mulatto man were, on the 5th and 6th days of February, 1863, tried before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for Hancock Co Ill on charge of high misdemeanor, having come into the State and county, and remaining therein for trade and more, with the evident intention of residing in this State, and were found guilty by a Jury and were each severally fined in the sum of \$50 and the judgment was rendered against said negroes and mulatto man, for \$50 fine each, and costs of suit, which fine and costs are annexed opposite to each name to wit

	Age	Fine	Co
John, a negro man, tall and slim, about	15	\$50	\$10
Sambo, a negro man, about	21	50	10
Austin, a negro man, heavy set, about	20	50	10
Andrew, a negro man, about	—	50	10
Amos, a negro man, about	40	50	10
Nelson, a mulatto man, about	55	50	10

And whereas, Said fines and costs have not been paid, notice is therefore given that the undersigned will on Thursday, the 19th day of February, A D 1863 between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock, P M of said day at the west end of the Court House, in Carthage Hancock County, Illinois, sell each of said negroes John, Austin, Sambo, Andrew, Amos, and said mulatto man, Nelson, at public auction, to the person or persons who will pay the said fine and costs assessed against each respectively for the shortest term of service of said negroes and mulatto

The purchaser or purchasers will be entitled to the control and services of the negroes and mulatto purchased for the period named in the sale and so long and will be required to furnish said negroes and mulatto with comfortable food, clothing, and lodging during said servitude. The fees for selling will be paid on completion of the sale.

Carthage, Feb. 9, 1863

C M CHILD J.

The above was furnished us by an old resident and well-known citizen of this county. What a blow to civilization to place such an enactment upon a statute book of a professedly free State! Can a lover of justice read the above, and not feel the heat of shame mantle his cheeks? Is it not a degradation to humanity to permit such a law to remain in a statute book?